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Iowa Youth to Serve on State Advisory Council 2015-2016 Terms Begin Immediately

DES MOINES – Iowa Department of Human Rights Director San Wong today announced members for the 2015-2016 State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC). Members serve two-year staggered terms and this current term begins immediately. Youth were selected through a competitive application process for this leadership development program.

“Youth will have an opportunity to provide input directly to the Iowa Legislature and to the Executive Branch,” Director Wong said of the intensive program.

SIYAC members research issues and serve as liaisons between youth and policymakers. Members are ages 14-20, and the Council strives for diverse membership in race, ethnicity, disabilities, gender and geography. Ms. Wong said, “We not only want to give youth a voice, but we especially want to include youth who are traditionally underrepresented. This is an excellent opportunity to develop future leaders.”

The 2015-2016 SIYAC members and their home communities are:

Name	Year	City	Name	Year	City
Harshini Abbaraju	2nd	Johnston	Xiao Liu	2nd	Johnston
Alex Bare	1 st	Iowa City	Ethan Lowder	2nd	Cedar Rapids
Aastha Chandra	1 st	Cedar Falls	Jade Miller	1 st	West Des Moines
Tara Djukanovic	1st	Johnston	Sruthi Palaniappan	*3rd	Cedar Rapids
Andrew Dunn	1 st	Milford	Aditi Rao	2nd	Cedar Falls
David Ehmcke	1 st	Sioux City	Danielle Reyes	*4th	Clive
T.J. Foley	2nd	Clive	Alexis Rivett	1 st	Johnston
Amiah Gooding	2nd	Davenport	Delaney Schwarte	1 st	Carroll
David Graham	1st	Sioux City	Mickey Sloat	1 st	Davenport
Justin Hu	1st	Johnston	Alyson Sorenson	1 st	Council Bluffs
Nandini Jayaram	1 st	Bettendorf	Katarina Walther	1 st	Cedar Falls
Harrison Jones	1 st	Council Bluffs	Nina Yu	2nd	Hiawatha

*Danielle Reyes is serving her 2nd year of her 2nd term (4th year overall in the council).

*Sruthi Palaniappan is serving her 1st year of her 2nd term (3rd year overall in the council).

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